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room. You can have a lawyer but the lawyer sits outside of the room.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So if you need to consult with your lawyer, you try to the best of your ability to remember what the lawyer who is prosecuting or if it's not a prosecutorial situation, the questioner asks you and you try to relay that to your lawyer, you may or may not be able to adequately do it, therefore, your lawyer may or may not be able to give you adequate and proper representation in the form of legal advice. So that is one of the criticisms of the grand jury system. You don't have legal representation even though you may be placed in jeopardy while appearing before a grand jury. We're going to take a municipality in this which is supposed to be our state and say that people who come to us on their knees, in a manner of speaking, saying, I don't know how to protect my interests, allow me, please, to select somebody to protect my interests, and we say, no, we're going to give Goliath a machine gun and the power to use it, but, you, little David, we're going to take from you even the slingshot that you had, based on the legend.

PRESIDENT: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I think that is grossly unfair and this amendment would go some ways toward rectifying it.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. May I introduce some guests under the north balcony, please. Senator Howard Lamb has 10 seventh and eighth graders from Berwyn, Nebraska and their teacher. Would you folks please stand and be recognized. Thank you for visiting us today. While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do sign LR 76. Senator Hefner, you are next, followed by Senator Elmer and Senator Schmit.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I have mixed emotions about this amendment. Senator Chambers, could you help me out a little bit on this amendment? Okay, when we say that except a municipality, now where...my question is where do we include municipality? Say that it's...and what municipality do we take? Say that...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay.